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1. SUMMARY:
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AS REPORTED REF A, AT END OF US-ROMANIAN TEXTILE
NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA, THREE QUESTIONS REMAINED OUT-
STANDING: (A) CONFIRMATION OF ROMANIAN ACCEPTANCE OF
THE US PROPOSAL ON SUITS (CATS. 120, 237), (B) SIZE AND
TYPE OF A GROUP LIMIT FOR THE MAN-MADE FIBER - WOOL
APPAREL GROUP, AND (C) SPECIFIC LIMIT FOR CATEGORY 221
(MAN-MADE FIBER SWEATERS). ROMANIANS LATER -- CONFIRMED

THEIR ACCEPTANCE US OFFER ON SUITS; ADDITIONAL
NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON HAVE ALSO LED TO AGREEMENT
ON SWEATERS AND THE APPAREL GROUP LIMIT. END SUMMARY.

2. SUITS: AT GENEVA TWO DELEGATIONS AGREED AD
REFERENDUM ON ANNUAL LEVELS FOR CATEGORIES 120 AND
237 COMBINED, INCLUSIVE OF GROWTH AND INTERCATEGORY
FLEXIBILITY, WITHIN THE APPARELL GROUP LIMIT. SHARE

OF EACH WAS UNDERSTOOD TO BE BASED ON EARLIER US
PROPOSAL FOR FIRST YEAR LEVEL -- 83,000 IN CATEGORY
120 AND 207,000 IN CATEGORY 237. FOLLOWING TABLE
SHOWS OUR COMPUTATION OF BREAKDOWN FOR FOUR YEAR
PERIOD, WHICH EMBASSY SHOULD FURNISH TO GOR:

YEAR	120	237	TOTAL (2) PLUS
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1	87,150	221,490	308,640
2	88,022	236,994	325,016
3	88,901	253,584	342,485
4	89,791	271,335	361,126

AMB. NICOLAE HAS CONFIRMED ROMANIAN AGREEMENT TO THIS
PROPOSAL TO CHIEF TEXTILE NEGOTIATOR SMITH.

3. APPAREL GROUP LIMIT (MMF AND WOOL): DURING
GENEVA DISCUSSIONS, US PROPOSED SPECIFIC LIMIT OF 20
MILLION SYE, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL GROWTH; AT THAT TIME,
ROMANIA COUNTER-PROPOSAL WAS TO ESTABLISH EITHER AN
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APPAREL CONSULTATION LEVEL OF 25 MILLION SYE OR A
SPECIFIC LIMIT OF 30 MILLION SYE. DURING RECENT TALKS
IN WASHINGTON, AMB. NICOLAE REVISED ROMANIAN PROPOSAL
TO A CONSULTATION LEVEL OF 20 MILLION SYE OR SPECIFIC
LIMIT OF 25 MILLION SYE. DURING MEETING WITH IOAN CORA,
OF ROMANIAN EMBASSY, ON MAY 9, DEPTOFF EXPLAINED THAT
US BELIEVED A SPECIFIC LIMIT FOR THE APPAREL GROUP
WAS NECESSARY AND WOULD NOT AGREE TO A CONSULTATION
LEVEL; US WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT A SPECIFIC LIMIT OF
22 MILLION SYE. ON MAY 10, NICOLAE AND CORA AGREED
TO THIS PROPOSAL.

4. CAT. 221 (MMF SWEATERS): DURING GENEVA MEETINGS
US HAD SUGGESTED SPECIFIC LIMIT OF 5 MILLION SYE AND
ROMANIA HAD COUNTERED WITH REQUEST FOR 12 MILLION SYE
LIMIT FOR CAT. 221. NICOLAE SUBSEQUENTLY INDICATED
ROMANIA WOULD AGREE TO A SPECIFIC LIMIT OF 10 MILLION
SYE. DURING MEETING WITH CORA, DEPTOFF STATED US
PREPARED TO ACCEPT 23.5 MILLION SYE (INCLUSIVE OF

GROWTH AND INTERCATEGORY SWING) OVER FOUR YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1977; CARRYOVER AND CARRY FORWARD WOULD BE AVAILABLE ON GENERAL TERMS SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT. UP TO 7 MILLION SYE COULD BE UTILIZED IN FIRST YEAR, LEAVING 5.5 MILLION SYE FOR EACH OF SUCCEEDING 3 YEARS, ALTHOUGH MORE EVEN SPACING WOULD ALSO BE ACCEPTABLE. AGAIN ON MAY 10, NICOLAE AND CORA AGREED TO THIS PROPOSAL, WITH 7 MILLION SYE TO BE USED DURING FIRST YEAR.

5. EMBARGOED SUITS: WITH RESPECT TO SUITS PRESENTLY IN EMBARGO WHICH NICOLAE HAS ASKED TO HAVE RELEASED, WE HAVE TAKEN POSITION THAT THEIR RELEASE DEPENDED ON SETTLING ALL OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS AND EXISTENCE OF ADEQUATE ASSURANCE THAT OTHER PROBLEMS WOULD NOT ARISE. EXCHANGE OF NOTES EMBODYING WOOL AND MAN-MADE FIBER AGREEMENT WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY ASSURANCES; SUGGEST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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YOU MAKE THIS CLEAR TO GOR AND ADVISE WE ARE PREPARING A DRAFT NOTE AND WILL GIVE COPY TO NICOLAE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. CHRISTOPHER

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